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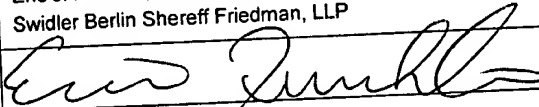
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The relevance of the non-English references is indicated on the enclosed copy of the International-Type Search Report for the priority application and the International Search Report for the PCT application. An English language abstract is provided for French patent 2 769 637 and U.S. patent 6,125,161 is believed to correspond to French patent 2 769 637. Additionally, U.S. patent 5,023,048 is believed to correspond to European patent 0 380 381.

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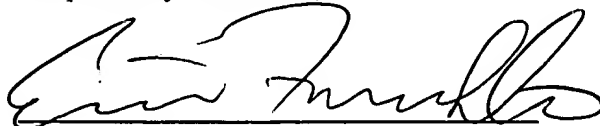
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